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Subscribers will confer a favor on THE STAR if they will notify us of any failure to receive their paper.

GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT has given out the statement, relative to the vice-presidency, that he most positively will not accept the honor of a second place on the national ticket under any consideration. In other words, he will not play second fiddle to President McKinley. This gives Woodruff quite a boom for second place on the Republican ticket.

ONE of the leading physicians of our county, Dr. G. W. Holmes, of Sharpes, in noting the recent article in THE STAR regarding the danger of smallpox becoming prevalent in this state, says the present outlook is one of candor at least. The doctor remarks: "My observations and experience teach me that vaccination is a valuable means in the prevention of smallpox. If anyone is unconvinced of the correctness of this view let them send for literature, pro and con." All the physicians of this county are agreed as to the effectiveness of vaccination as a preventive of smallpox, and their advice ought to be regarded higher than that of persons who have had neither experience nor made the disease a study.

Causes of Degeneracy.

Under the heading of "The Dangers of Degeneracy" the Jacksonville News prints the following remarks in regard to a most important subject that deeply concerns the American people:

The truth comes to us with telling force that youthful criminality seems to be increasing with the age of advancement along the many lines. This is deplorable, for it goes to prove that the rising generation lacks that directness of moral purpose which has heretofore made our United States lead the list of God-fearing countries.

The associated press brings us, during the past few weeks, accounts of five boys, and they were but lads, who have committed crimes equal to those of which more matured brains were guilty of executing.

What has brought about this state of affairs?

A boy of sixteen years kills his mother. A lad yet in his teens murders, in cold blood, a companion. A score of youths look upon petty thieving as an accomplishment to be acquired.

In almost every instance these youthful criminals have stood before the bar of justice with set smiles upon their faces when the sentences were passed. They smiled even at the door of death.

Men who have made such things a study have told us that there are innumerable causes. That chief of all, the heritage of vice prompts many of the fiendish deeds done by the boys of our land. Evil influences and companions; habits that eat away the mind and the conscience.

A report handed in by one of the chief physicians of this country showed that tobacco was responsible for much of the degeneracy now prevalent. From another source we get information that liquor is the cause of degeneracy; bad companionship; home influence not of the order. Surely the country has come to a bad pass when the influence can be brought up as a reason for the moral downfall of our boys. Let this be a timely warning. The young mind must be fully trained. Every mother should consider the influence of the home. God will be sure to punish the parents who neglect their duty.

Mr. Carnegie Taking a Rest.

It is announced in the newspapers that Mr. Andrew Carnegie has come to our state for a few weeks' rest. If all the stories which are appearing in the public prints about the monster lawsuit that his late manager, Mr. Frick, and others, are about to begin against him are true, he will need all the strength he can accumulate in many weeks in the balmy climate of Florida to fight it.

It is alleged that Mr. Frick wants something like \$21,000,000 for his interest in the Carnegie Steel works. If the courts should award him that much, and all of the other partners, who, it is understood, intend to join him in the suit, should be as fortunate, there would not be very much left for Mr. Carnegie after settling with them. It is the understanding that Mr. Carnegie owns a little more than one-half of the capital stock of the plant. The balance of the stock is owned by Mr. Frick, Mr. Phipps and about a dozen others, Mr. Phipps' interest being even larger than that of Mr. Frick.

There is an agreement in writing that when a partner withdraws he shall accept for his stock its book value. It is stated that the book value of Mr. Frick's stock is \$9,000,000. Mr. Carnegie, if reports are to be credited, offered him that sum, but he declined to receive it on the ground that his interest was worth a great deal more. It seems that when he wanted to buy Mr. Carnegie's interest some time ago he paid \$1,000,000 for an option. After the option expired, he having failed to carry his plans to success, Mr. Carnegie is quoted as having said that he would not take less than \$350,000,000 for the property. It is on this basis that Mr. Frick is now asking for \$21,000,000.

It would seem as if the agreement to accept the book value of his stock would be a bar to his recovering the amount he claims. It is pointed out, however, that the agreement may be declared void, because one of the partners, Mr. Phipps, has not signed it.

The Savannah News is quite correct in stating that Mr. Carnegie's riches give him trouble as well as joy, but it is doubtful if any one rejoices on that account. He has been, and is, very liberal with his wealth. He has given away large sums, and is still making princely donations to schools and libraries. There is no danger, of course, that he will beggar himself. Still, the fact that he has already distributed millions of dollars for the benefit of the deserving makes that part of the world that knows him feel very kindly toward him.

Are They Needed?

Under the heading of "More Judges Wanted" we notice the following paragraph in our esteemed contemporary, the Gainesville Sun:

The courts of Florida should be afforded every facility for the speedy transaction of all business coming before them. Under existing conditions it is claimed that it is out of the question for the courts to satisfactorily discharge their duties. Undoubtedly there is need for more judges. The supreme court is far behind with cases pending before it, and the dockets of many of the circuit courts lack much of being cleared. There is no good reason why this condition of affairs should be permitted to continue. It can be remedied, and it should be. It is presumed that the judges of the supreme and circuit courts are doing all in their power to conduct the business before them with dispatch, but are simply unable to prevent the accumulation of cases. It cannot be expected that three men can accomplish the work, which, if satisfactorily done, will perhaps require the services of five or six justices. The next legislature should pass a resolution amending the constitution so as to increase the supreme court judges from three to five, and so as to give the legislature power to establish additional circuit courts. We have in our courts a large number of cases pending, and no

more circuit judges than we had over thirty years ago, and yet our population has more than doubled, our taxable valuation has increased almost fourfold, and litigation has increased six or seven times. If the next legislature acts and passes a resolution, it will then have to be submitted to the people. If we commence working now it will be several years before the situation can be relieved. It is an important matter, and one which should have been attended to years ago. Speedy trials will diminish crime, reduce court expenses, more certainly reach the ends of justice, and in every way tend to promote good government."

We have no doubt our friend, Mr. McCreery, knows a great deal more about the needs of the circuit and supreme courts of our state than we do, especially in the supreme court and in his own circuit, but we take pleasure in stating that the business of this, the seventh circuit, is kept up clean and prompt. We have understood personally from one of the most prominent lawyers in our state that the business of the supreme courts could very easily be hastened up by a little different way of managing the more important cases that are brought before it, and we believe that the advice given by the late Judge Forster to one of the present circuit judges upon entering his official duties, if strictly adhered to, would do away with the demand for more circuit judges. His advice was to keep your docket clean and never let business accumulate upon your hands. This is a well known business maxim, but it applies to law equally as well as mercantile lines. A judge of fine perceptive faculties as regards legal points is quite apt to take cases too long under advisement in a strictly conscientious intention of doing his whole duty; if he would press in with this characteristic an equal amount of business push, a desire to keep up with every case before him, we believe that the demand for more courts would not be noted.

BANYAN.

Mr. J. Booth is among the growers here and at Tropic in the interest of Wagner & Co., of Chicago.

R. C. Creech reports crops fair to the south of us. He has been among all the bean growers as far south as Waveland.

Major W. B. Sams was presented with a fine cake Monday with the number 73 engraved thereon, this being his birthday anniversary.

One of our residents is preparing to build an eight foot windbreak on the west and north of a part of his place as protection to a young grove.

Mrs. McMillan returned from Eau Gallie Sunday and reports the infant daughter of George Houston gradually improving. The little one had been given up by two doctors at one time.

Growth of Stetson.

President Forbes, of the Stetson university, at DeLand, in speaking at the annual meeting, said the year after the freeze the number of instructors employed was twenty; it is now thirty-two. The number of other employees and servants then was twenty-four; it is now thirty-nine. The number of families directly and wholly supported by the university then was ten; it is now nineteen, and many more indirectly. The total property of the university then was \$250,000; it is now \$450,000. The regular current income then was \$21,000; it is now \$33,000. The total amount of money paid out in the city of DeLand then was \$4,200; this year it will be \$10,000. The number of students in the college then was sixteen; it is now forty-eight. The total amount paid to servants and other help then was \$2,570; now it is \$3,450. The total amount paid to members of the faculty then was \$13,650; it is now \$16,570.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

As a mathematical problem, it may be interesting to ask: If Gen. Buller crosses the Tugela river in three places, how many places will he need to get back?—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Now that Joe Wheeler is out of the Philippines, and there is no fear of his getting the credit for the capture, Otis can go right ahead and corral Aguinaldo. —Kansas City Times.

If McKinley would win votes he should seize the opportunity and offer to mediate between Great Britain and the Boers. Such an act would be a national honor. —Boston Traveler.

As a matter of fact, the occupation of the Philippines by the United States is advantageous to British trade, and this is demonstrated by the reports of McKinley's own officials. —Chicago Democrat.

"No more iniquitous scheme to plunder the public treasury for the benefit of selfish interests than the ship subsidy bill was ever presented to congress, and it is gratifying to know that even so powerful a master of political chicanery as Mark Hanna may fail in his efforts to fasten this steal upon the people." —Nashville American.

The indications are that the German and British governments thoroughly understand each other, so far as the South African situation is concerned. The explanation of Germany's complaisance is simple enough. Germany has considerable possessions of her own in South Africa and the German government is far-seeing enough to perceive that if the Boers are successful in turning the British out of South Africa, they will soon be taking measures to expel Germany in her turn. The watchword "Africa for Africans" applies to Germany equally with Great Britain. —Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

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Judge Brooks Afflicted.

Ex-Judge A. M. Brooks, a prominent lawyer of Pensacola, Fla., who has been missing since November 13th, is in Guthrie. How he got to Oklahoma, or how long he has been there, he does not know. He says he left home to go to North Alabama, and got as far as Mobile, but remembers nothing more. W. B. Crossland, who knew Judge Brooks in Florida, met him on the street and the renewal of acquaintance brought to the wanderer's mind memories of his old home. His son, who is an attorney at Pensacola, has gone to him. Judge Brooks is now terribly afflicted with rheumatism, evidently due, physicians say, to continued exposure.

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CHANGE OF PRECINCT BOUNDARIES.

At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners for Brevard county, convened Tuesday, Feb. 6th, 1900, the following described boundaries of Eden and Ankona precincts were adopted:

On petition the boundaries of Eden precinct, No. 10, is hereby changed to read as follows: To begin at northwest corner of section 30, township 36 south, range 41 east, running east to Atlantic ocean, thence southeasterly along the shore to south boundary of Brevard county, thence west to southwest corner of township 37 south, range 41 east, thence north to beginning; and that the voting place be moved from Eden to Jensen; and that the same be published according to law.

The boundaries of Ankona precinct, No. 18, is hereby, upon petition, changed to read as follows: To begin at northwest corner of section 35, township 35 south, range 40 east, and run east to Indian river, thence southeasterly along the river to the point where the south boundary of section 20, township 36 south, range 41 east, strikes Indian river, thence west to range line between ranges 40 and 41, thence north to southeast corner of section 12, thence west to southwest corner of section 12, thence north to northwest corner of section 1, thence west to northwest corner of section 2, thence north to point of beginning; and that the same be published according to law.

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Weekly Weather Report.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU.

Comparative statement of temperatures and rainfall for the week ending Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1900.

	1900		1899	
DATE.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.
Feb. 7.	78	65	83	69
" 8.	77	71	81	46
" 9.	78	70	58	34
" 10.	77	69	69	48
" 11.	78	69	76	62
" 12.	77	70	77	64
" 13.	80	70	44	37

Total rainfall for the week, .11 inch. Departure from the normal rainfall for the week, minus .52 inch. Departure from normal rainfall since Jan. 1st, 1900, minus .36 inch.

HAL P. HARDEN, Observer Weather Bureau, Jupiter, Fla., Feb. 13, 1900.

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